

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas M. Soukup et al.

Examiner: Fangemonique Smith

Serial No.: 10/752,466

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Title: STEERABLE STYLET

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This response is in reply to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2008, in which an Election/Restriction was set forth relative to the Examiner-identified inventions of Species I drawn to a steerable stylet having an adjustable tensioner to adjust relative tension force applied between the stylet wire and the core wire, designed for implantation of cardiac J-leads and Species II drawn to a steerable stylet having a plurality of notches defined in one or more regions of the distal portion of the stylet wire, designed for use in neurological application to aid in the safe and effective creation of large or compound curves.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Species I, consisting of at least claims 1-59.

Having thus addressed the Species Election imposed by the Examiner, reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Response to Restriction Requirement

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